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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTI-LEVEL DISTRIBUTED SPEECH  
RECOGNITION**

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August, 12, 2004 Applicant submits the following declaration under 37 CFR 1.131.

Declarant hereby declares:

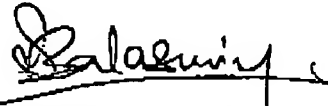
1. My name is Senaka Balasuriya and I am the inventor of claims 27 – 42 of the above identified patent application.
2. Prior to June 13, 2001 I conceived the invention of multi-level distributed speech recognition as described and claimed in the above identified application. I prepared a disclosure document (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A) for review by the Motorola Patent Committee prior to June 13, 2001. This disclosure document includes a block diagram of an embodiment of the invention. The dates deleted from the disclosure document are prior to June 13, 2001.
3. On April 6, 2001, Motorola's Patent Committee reviewed and evaluated my disclosure document and recommended to pursue preparation of a patent application (Exhibit B).

Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 dated December 9, 2004  
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4. On information and belief, this case was assigned to outside patent counsel for preparation on or about September 18, 2001 in accordance with standard procedures. I was contacted by outside counsel on September 27, 2001 and worked with outside counsel to prepare a patent application and to assist outside counsel in filing the above identified patent application on December 29, 2001.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Senaka Balasuriya